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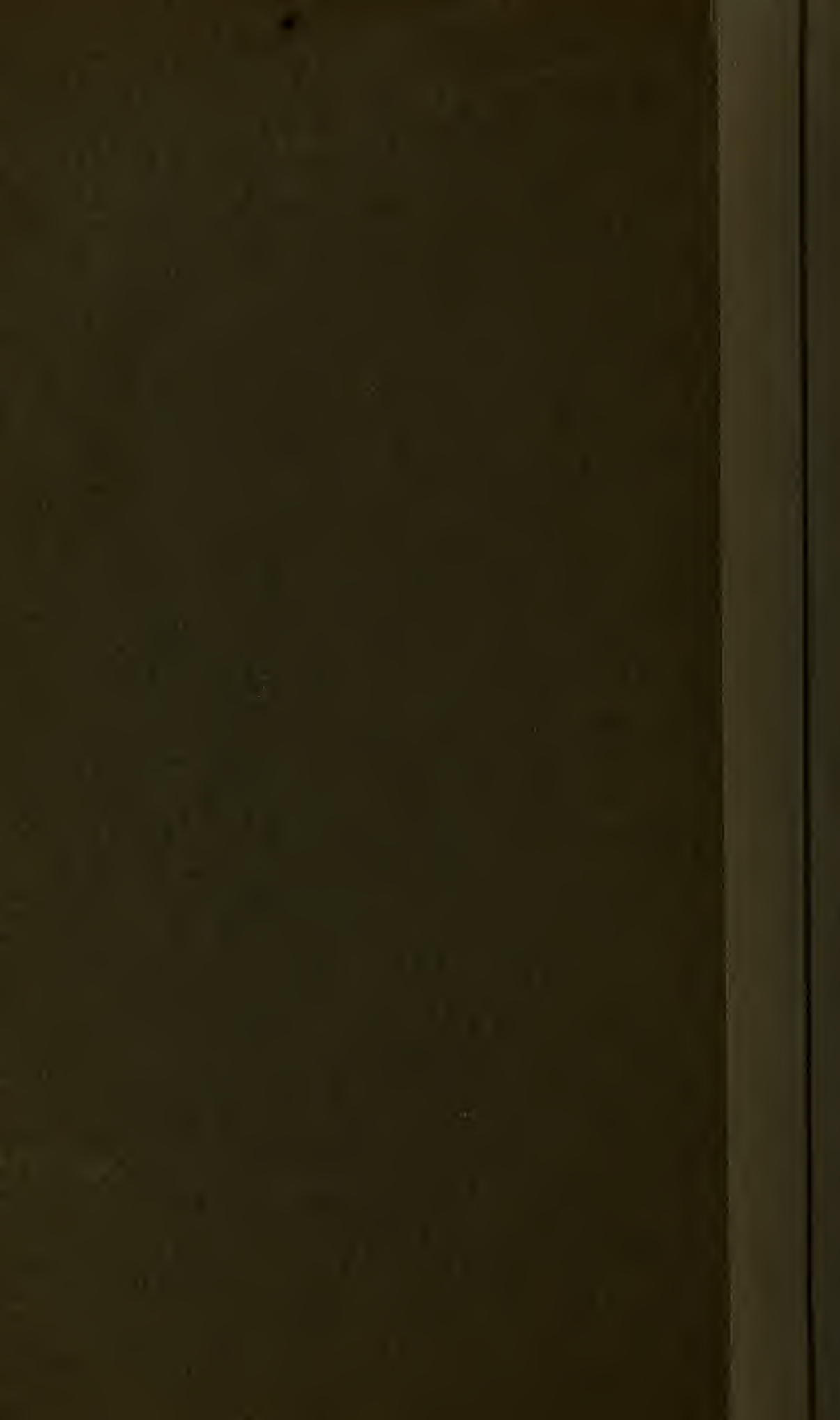
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CHAPTER I.

Of the Government of the College.

SECTION 1. The government of the College shall be vested in the President and Faculty, and shall be administered, as nearly as possible, after the manner of a well regulated family. Private advice, affectionate entreaty, and frequent private admonitions, shall always precede the more stern measures of public admonition, and exclusion from the institution, except when the offence is flagrant, and publicly committed.

2. The President shall have power to direct in all matters relating to the College—to govern the students—and to notice and punish all crimes and violations of the laws of the College committed by them, unless in cases in which the same devolves by law on the Faculty. The Senior Professor shall discharge all the duties of the President in his absence, except his regular lectures and recitations.

3. The Professors severally, shall have power to govern the students in their respective lecture rooms, and shall notice and punish all crimes and violations of the laws of the College, committed there or elsewhere, as the same become known to them, except in cases where the infliction of punishment devolves on the Faculty; provided, that none may in any case proceed *contrary* to the advice of the President.

4. The Faculty shall have power to direct the application of the ensuing statutes—to make all regulations for the general government of the College, not contrary to these statutes—and to annex thereto such means of enforcement, as they may deem proper and necessary; provided that they shall be exclusively directed to a sense of moral obligation, and to the principles of virtue and honor.

5. A stated meeting of the Faculty shall be held every week, or oftener if necessary, during the sessions of College, for the

purpose of administering the government of the Institution. Special meetings, as often as business may require, shall be called by the President, either at his own discretion, or when a majority of the Professors may solicit them. In case of the absence of the President, the Faculty shall have full power to perform such acts of government as may to them seem necessary.

6. The President shall appoint as Secretary some member of the Faculty, who shall make a faithful record of their proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Board of Trustees. In all meetings of the Faculty, the President, or in case of his absence, the senior Professor present shall preside, and a majority shall constitute a quorum.

7. When any member of the Faculty may wish to resign, he shall give three months previous notice thereof to the Board.

8. The President is invested with the general supervision of the interests of the Institution, and shall, with the Professors, protect the property of the College. He shall, in the presence of the Faculty, exact a written agreement, as hereinafter provided for, from each student, on entering into College, and before he shall be allowed to recite with the class to which he is assigned; and conduct the matriculation of the students, as provided for in the ensuing statutes.

9. It shall also be the duty of the President, regularly to make to the Board at their annual meeting, a full and written report of the state of the College, the progress of literary improvement, the general state of discipline, the behaviour of the students, and whatever he may deem advantageous to submit to the attention of the Board.

10. In addition to the usual duties of their respective professorships, the Professor of Ancient Languages shall have charge of the Library, and officiate as Librarian, according to the rules to be adopted by the Faculty; and at the annual meeting of the Board, he shall regularly make a written report of the state of the Library, noticing the increase by donations and purchase, and making any suggestions which he may think proper to submit to

their consideration;—the Professor of Mathematics shall have charge of such parts of the Philosophical apparatus while in his use, as are necessary in the instruction of the youth in the branches of study which he conducts;—the Professor of Natural Philosophy and Chemistry shall have charge of the rooms containing the Philosophical and Chemical Apparatus, as well as of the Laboratory, the articles in which he is to preserve from all unnecessary waste or injury. He shall also report to the Board regularly, at their annual meeting, the state of these apparatus, giving a list of the mathematical and philosophical instruments, and the donations made from time to time, with the name of the donors, and such other matters as he may think proper to suggest. The Professor of Natural History shall have charge of the Museum and shall endeavor, from time to time, to enlarge it by a system of exchanges. He shall also make an annual report of its condition to the Board.

11. The Professors shall deliver private Lectures to their classes upon the respective branches taught by them; and each Professor may, with the consent and advice of the President, deliver a public course of Lectures upon the branch or branches contained in his department, for which he may issue tickets to any not members of the College; but the students, Professors, and Trustees shall be at liberty to attend gratis; and the students, or certain classes, may be required by the President to attend; provided such public lecture shall not be delivered so as to interfere with the ordinary College duties.

12. Whereas the presence of the President and Professors, as constantly as practicable, in the College buildings, is deemed essential to the good order and government of the Institution; to secure this object, each Officer of Instruction shall be provided with a suitable private room for his study, as convenient to his lecture room as may be, in which he will be expected to spend those portions of his time devoted to books, and to the business transactions of the College.

CHAPTER II.

Of admission into College and of the course of instruction.

SECTION 1. The students shall be divided into four classes; each class to continue one year: those of the first year shall be denominated *Freshmen*; those of the second year *Sophomores*; those of the third year *Juniors*; those of the fourth year *Seniors*; Candidates for admission into the Freshman Class, must be well acquainted with Arithmetic; English Grammar; Geography; Outlines of History; Latin and Greek Grammar; and must be capable of passing an examination in the simpler Latin and Greek authors. They must be at least fourteen years of age, and must produce certificates of good moral character. Candidates for an advanced standing, shall be examined on the studies to which the class they propose entering have attended; and if from other Colleges, must also produce certificates of honorable dismissal.

2. The commencement of each session, particularly of the winter session, shall be the stated period of admission.

3. Every student, immediately at his entrance, shall subscribe the following agreement:—

“I solemnly promise, on my truth and honor, to observe and obey all the laws and regulations of Dickinson College.”

For six months at least immediately succeeding his entrance, he shall be on probation; at the end of which period, if he have satisfied the Faculty of his good moral character, and particularly that he does not use profane language, he shall be fully admitted as a member of the Institution, which shall be attested by registering his name and age, with the name and place of abode of his parent or legal guardian, in “The Matriculation Book.” But if such satisfactory evidence cannot be produced, he shall be privately dismissed and sent home; which may also be done sooner, if circumstances require.

4. The course of study shall comprehend Ancient and Modern Languages, Polite Literature, Ancient and Modern History, Antiquities, the various branches of the Mathematics, the Philosophy

of the Mind, the different departments of Natural, Moral and Political Science, and the Evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion.

The text books in these branches, and the order in which they shall be studied, shall be prescribed by the Faculty, subject, however, at all times, to the supervision of the Trustees.

5. There shall also be a Preparatory Department, in which the course of study shall be in general, such as is prescribed for admission into College. To be admitted into this department, the student must be at least ten years of age, of good moral character, and acquainted with the elementary English branches.

6. Those who may not wish to take a regular collegiate course, can pursue such studies as are adapted to their advancement, either in the College classes, or in the preparatory department.

7. No student shall, during the session, attend the instruction of any person who is not an Officer of the College, without special permission from the Faculty.

8. It shall be the duty of the President to examine the handwriting of every student, and if it be not fair and respectable, he shall cause such student to take the necessary instruction in writing; for which the charge shall not exceed four dollars.

9. If any student shall omit, or perform negligently, any literary exercise, the same may, at the discretion of his Instructor, be afterwards required; though such subsequent performance shall not excuse the previous delinquency.

10. There shall be a general examination of all the students of College immediately preceding the close of each session, on the studies they shall have pursued from the beginning of the session to the date of the examination, opportunity having been allowed for revision. Also upon such other studies, books or subjects, as may be deemed necessary by the Professors severally, to test the scholarship of the students in their respective departments.

11. The Senior class shall be examined for their degrees on all the studies of the College course, at a period not exceeding four weeks previous to the day of Commencement: and during the interval, the members of this class shall continue to pursue their studies under the direction of the Faculty, unless they receive

permission to return home; but shall not be required to recite nor be subjected to any examination with the other classes at the close of the session.

12. Of any intermediate examinations, public notice shall be given by the Faculty at least two weeks previously. Of the final examination, notice shall also be given by written or printed circulars, addressed to the "Examining Committee," and such Trustees and others, as the Faculty may think proper.

13. The examinations shall be strict, but not protracted, and shall be conducted by the Faculty in the presence of the Trustees and such other gentlemen as may attend.

14. If any student shall absent himself from an examination appointed by the Faculty, he shall be punished as the nature of the offence may require.

15. If, at any examination, a student shall appear deficient in the studies pursued by his class, he shall, at the discretion of the Faculty, be directed to study during the succeeding vacation, be degraded from his class, or be dismissed from College.

16. Every Professor and Instructor shall keep a regular roll of his classes, and note absentees, and any other circumstances which may tend to enable him to form a correct judgment of the progress of each student. And at the end of each academic year, if the Faculty so direct, each Professor shall graduate his classes with reference to his own department. After this separate graduation in each department, the Professors shall meet, and add their respective numbers together for each student in each class, and the result shall graduate the class absolutely. The morals and behavior, however, of each student, together with his performance at the public examinations, shall be duly considered, and have their full weight in determining his standing.

17. A monthly report of each student's deficiencies in attendance upon the literary exercises, upon chapel, and upon public worship, together with his deportment and attention to study, shall be forwarded to his parent or guardian.

CHAPTER III.

Of the Deportment of the Students.

SECTION 1. The students are to consider themselves as members of a family, of which the Officers of Instruction are the respective heads, associated for purposes of improvement; and they are to behave themselves accordingly.

2. As, however the peculiar situation of students, brings with it peculiar obligations, the following offences are, for their better information, specified, as those which must be particularly guarded against:

HIGH OFFENCES.—Unlawful combinations.—Disrespect to the Faculty or other Officers of the Institution.—Riotous and noisy behaviour, to the disturbance of the College or of the inhabitants of Carlisle.—Refusing or neglecting to attend when required by the Faculty or any Officer.—Disobedience to the sentence of the Faculty for any offence.—Refusing to give testimony in any case, when required by the Faculty, or falsifying therein.—Resisting or obstructing the Instructors or other Officers in the discharge of their duties, or encouraging similar acts in others.—Challenging, assaulting, or endeavoring to injure, any student.—Wilfully defacing or injuring the buildings of the College, or any furniture, apparatus, books, or any other property in or about them.

Profane language.—Use of ardent spirits.—Indecency in language, dress, or behaviour.—Dissoluteness, or other gross immorality.—Obtaining money under false pretences.—Borrowing money, or contracting any bill, or selling or bartering books, apparel, furniture or any other property, without leave of his patron.—Habitual extravagance after due admonition.—Playing at any game for money or other things of value, or playing, under any circumstances, at cards, billiards, or any game of chance.—Associating with any person under sentence of dismissal or expulsion; or with any other prohibited person; or with any person of known vice and dissoluteness.—Any offence against the laws of the land subjecting the offender to disgraceful punishment.

Possessing any fire-arms, or other weapon, or using such in the borough of Carlisle.—Being connected with any military company, unless compelled thereto by the Laws of the State.—Being concerned in any bonfire, fire-works, or unauthorized illuminations.—Attending, during the session, any ball, private dancing party, dancing school, theatrical exhibition, horse race, or any place of similar resort.—Making or being present at any festive entertainment, or going to any tavern or victualling house, without permission.—Leaving Carlisle or its immediate vicinity without special permission.

MISDEMEANORS. — Among these may be enumerated.—Loud talking, singing, playing on a musical instrument, or other noise in the College or Campus, except in hours of recreation; or any conduct, at any time, inconsistent with the habits of a well regulated family.—Throwing any water, dust, or other such thing, from any window or door of the building, or into any fire-place or hall.—Omitting any collegiate duty without previous permission.—Idleness, negligence, and, in general, all behaviour inconsistent with the good order, peace and prosperity of the College.

3. The punishments which may be inflicted, are, the exaction of study in the hours of recreation and in vacation, private admonition, official notice of delinquency to the parent or guardian, public admonition in presence of the class or of the whole College, suspension, dismissal, degradation to a lower class, and expulsion. The frequency and repetition of offences shall aggravate the punishment. But if any student shall speedily evince penitence for his fault, the Faculty are at liberty, on his private or public confession, to pass over the offence, without entering the case upon their records.

4. The period of suspension shall not exceed six months. But no student, whether suspended or dismissed, shall be restored without satisfactory evidence of improvement: and no student, who shall have been expelled, or twice dismissed, shall be re-admitted, except upon such evidence of contrition and reformation as shall be satisfactory to the entire Faculty.

5. Whereas offences of various kinds may be committed by a number of students, and it may be thought unnecessary to punish all the offenders; in such cases, the Faculty may punish so many of them, as may be necessary to secure good order, due regard being had in the punishment to the previous conduct and general character.

6. As students may be guilty of disorders or misdemeanors, against which no express provision is made in these laws, a discretionary, or parental authority, must necessarily be lodged with the Faculty: therefore, where no statute is particularly provided for a case that may occur, they are to exercise this discretionary authority, and punish accordingly.

CHAPTER IV.

Vacations, Distribution of time, Religious duties.

SECTION 1. The Collegiate year shall be divided into two sessions; the first beginning on the fifteenth of September, and ending on the Friday before the first of April; the second beginning at the termination of the first, and ending at Commencement, on the second Thursday in July.—The only regular vacation shall be the interval from Commencement till the fifteenth of September; to which may be added, at the discretion of the Faculty, a few days recess at Christmas, and at the end of the first session.

2. During the vacation, every student shall be answerable for all vicious and immoral conduct as during the sessions of College, and none shall remain in the borough of Carlisle without the permission of the Faculty.

3. There shall be reading of the Holy Scriptures and prayers observed in the College chapel, by the Principal, Professors, and students, every morning and evening, at the opening and close of the daily exercises, under the direction of the Principal.

4. The hour of morning prayers shall vary from six o'clock, to a quarter before seven, according to the season of the year; of evening prayers, at five o'clock, throughout the winter session, and at six o'clock during the summer session. The hours of recreation shall be, during the winter session, from twelve o'clock to two o'clock,—and from evening prayers to seven o'clock; during the summer

session,—from twelve to three o'clock, and from evening prayers to eight o'clock.

5. All other hours each student shall spend in his own room, or in attending upon such college exercises as the Faculty may prescribe.

6. Each student shall attend public worship every Sabbath morning at such church in the borough, as his parent or guardian may designate; and he shall also attend, in the afternoon or evening, either some church or a biblical recitation under the direction of the President.

7. The sanctification of the whole of the Sabbath or Lord's day, is indispensable to every student; and no student shall indulge on that day in unnecessary business, or visiting, or receiving of visits, or sauntering abroad or in the streets of the borough, or in any behaviour unbecoming the Day of Rest or the House of God.

CHAPTER V.

Of Commencement and Degrees.

SECTION 1. The Commencement shall be held on the second Thursday in July, in each year.

2. On the day of Commencement such candidates as the Faculty shall have previously selected, shall perform the exercises assigned to them, under penalty of being refused their degree, unless excused by the Faculty. A fair copy of each performance, after it has been approved by the President, shall be delivered to him within such time as shall be prescribed, to be deposited in the archives of the College; and should any student undertake to express sentiments or language contrary to the emendations of the President, or in contempt of the authorities of College, he shall be refused a diploma.

3. *Alumni* of the College who shall have demeaned themselves in a worthy manner for three years after their graduation, and signified their desire for it to the President, shall receive the second degree, viz: of Master of Arts, and such as may be present shall unite in the procession on the day of Commencement. The honorary degree of A. M. shall be awarded according to merit, and no person of bad morals shall receive the honors of College.

4. A diploma for either degree signed by the Faculty, shall be de-

livered to every one on whom it has been conferred, on his paying to the President the sum of five dollars.

5. The Faculty shall make out a catalogue of all the candidates for the degree of A. B., together with a certificate of their progress in literature and science, and a recommendation of them for the same, and lay them before the Board of Trustees, who shall issue their mandamus for the conferring of the degree. The President shall begin the exercises, in public, on the day of commencement with prayer.

6. All balls and dances, and all dinners and suppers are prohibited from being accompaniments of the Commencement, under such penalties as the Faculty may see proper to impose.

7. The arrangements and expenses attending the Commencement shall be, at all times, under the inspection and control of the Faculty.

CHAPTER VI.

Of the Literary Societies.

SECTION 1. The literary societies now existing, are integral parts of the institution, and shall be under the protection and control of the Faculty, and their property under the guardianship of the Board.

2. Their stated times of meeting shall be at such hours in the day as the Faculty may direct. Nocturnal meetings shall not, on any account, be permitted.

3. They shall have power to adopt such regulations as they may think proper for the management of their business, during the prescribed periods of their meetings, except that it shall be unlawful to admit to their Halls any of their members who may have been expelled, dismissed, or suspended from College, while thus under censure.

4. Resistance to the requisitions of the Faculty, by either society, shall subject the same to a suspension of their privileges during the will of the Faculty, without appeal to the Board.

5. There shall be no public exhibition of either of the literary societies, without the consent of the Faculty. The pieces to be exhibited on the occasion shall be previously submitted to the inspection of the Faculty, or some member thereof, and shall also be rehearsed before the Faculty.

6. None of their graduate members shall be admitted to their regular weekly meetings, unless they are related to the College as resident graduates, or by the special permission of the Faculty, to be withdrawn by them when they see proper.

7. Students pursuing the preparatory or the partial course, if fourteen years of age, may with the consent of the President, be eligible to membership in the literary societies.

8. No student shall be admitted as a member of either society, until six weeks after he shall have attended his first recitation in College.

CHAPTER VII.

Of the Financial Affairs of the Students.

SECTION 1. Every student whose parent or legal guardian does not reside in the borough of Carlisle, shall have a PATRON or college guardian, by whom his financial affairs shall be conducted, and who shall also have a special oversight of his deportment, and be ready at all times to afford him such friendly counsel as his circumstances may require.

2. All funds for the use of a student, (whether designed as pocket money or otherwise,) shall be deposited with his Patron; and no student shall be permitted to remain in the institution, who shall obtain money from any other source than from his Patron, or who shall fail, in case he does so receive any, immediately to deliver it to his Patron.

3. Every Patron shall ascertain at the beginning of each session, what expenses each student is allowed to incur; and he shall be strictly governed by such information in his disbursements.

4. No student shall contract a bill to any amount, without the permission of his Patron.

5. Bills shall have preference in the following order, viz: for College fees,—board, washing, wood, text books:—all others according to the date of their presentation; provided that in no case shall any bill be paid for horse or carriage hire, for confectionary, for fruits, for eatables of any kind, or for other articles obviously unnecessary for a student at College.

6. A Patron shall be at liberty to furnish, weekly, such an amount of pocket money, as the parent or guardian may prescribe, provided

it does not exceed what, in his judgment, with the advice of the President, the interests of the student and of the institution require.

7. In case any student shall borrow any money, or contract any bill, contrary to the rules of College, he shall be dealt with as for a high offence, and the payment of such bill by him or for him shall subject him to such discipline as the circumstances of the case may demand.

8. In the monthly report of each student, his Patron shall state the items of expenditure since the last report, together with the amount of funds received.

9. The President and Professors of the College or at the special request of the parent or guardian, any citizen of Carlisle, who will conform to these regulations, may act as a Patron. And any student over twenty-one years of age may, with the consent of the Faculty, manage his own funds.

10. The accounts of students shall be at all times open to the inspection of the President and Faculty.

11. A Patron shall not in any way be held personally responsible for any bill of any student. The expenses of his correspondence in the discharge of his duties shall be charged to the accounts of the students concerned. As a compensation for his trouble, and risk of loss, he may charge a commission of 3 per cent. on all moneys paid out on the account of a student.

CHAPTER VIII.

Of residence and boarding Houses,

SECTION 1. The boarding of the students and the assigning of their rooms shall be under the direction and control of the Faculty.

2. Every student who does not live with his parent or guardian, shall lodge in the College buildings, unless the rooms be all full; in which case the Faculty shall adopt such regulations as shall be, in their judgment, most promotive of the discipline and interest of the College, and of the students.

3. No persons shall be employed about the college buildings, to perform any services for students but such as the Faculty may ap-

prove ; and these shall be subject to such regulations as the Faculty may prescribe.

4. There shall be one or more boarding houses kept in the college buildings, at the expense of their respective Stewards, who shall be appointed by the Faculty and governed by such regulations as they may prescribe.

5. Each student resident in College, shall board in one of the College halls, unless a written request be made, by his parent or guardian, to allow him to board in town, in which case the request may be granted, subject, however, to the consent of such student's Patron, with respect to the place, and subject also to the price which may be allowed, from time to time, by the Faculty; and no student shall change his place of boarding, without first obtaining the consent of his Patron and of the President.

6. It shall be the duty of the Steward, as often as the President shall direct, to have the chapel, recitation rooms, entries and chambers washed and thoroughly cleansed, and the walls white-washed.

7. The buildings, during vacations, shall be under the strict care and charge of the Steward. At the commencement of each vacation, all the keys of all the rooms in the College edifices, shall be placed in the hands of the Steward or of some person appointed by the President for the purpose ; and no room shall be occupied, nor any access to the buildings allowed, except by special permission from the Faculty.

8. If any person in his employ, shall violate any of the regulations of the Institution, or be otherwise injurious to its interests, the Steward shall, upon the request of the Faculty, remove him.

9. Except by special permission, not more than ten students shall board together in the same family, nor shall a greater number than three occupy the same room.

10. The boarding bills shall be discharged, before an honorable dismissal or diploma can be granted.

CHAPTER IX.

Of College Expenditures.

SECTION 1. The College bills for each session shall be paid within four weeks after its commencement, and shall be as follows, viz:— For tuition, for the first session, twenty dollars; for the second, thirteen dollars:—For warming recitation rooms and use of the same, first session, two dollars, second session, one dollar: For printing monthly reports, catalogues, circulars &c., fifty cents each session: For the Library, first session one dollar, second session, fifty cents: —And for damages previously assessed but not collected. Students lodging in college shall also pay for room rent, from six dollars to four dollars for the first session, and from three dollars to two dollars for the second, according to the location of the room; and for cleaning halls, removing ashes, fifty cents per session. Students admitted to advanced standing, if not from other Colleges, shall, if admitted to the Sophomore class, pay five dollars; if to the Junior, ten dollars; if to the Senior, fifteen dollars; in addition to the regular tuition fee. When damages happen in a private apartment, they shall be collected from the occupants of the same: if on any other part of the premises, they shall be assessed equally on all the students.

2. Any student who shall fail, within four weeks after the commencement of each session, to exhibit to the President of the College, (who shall keep a regular record upon this subject,) the Treasurer's receipt for his College dues, may be required, at the discretion of the Faculty, to absent himself from the recitations of his class, until he shall have complied with this rule; provided due notice shall have been previously given to his parent or guardian, and no student shall receive an honorable dismissal or diploma, until the bills for College fees and boarding have been settled.

3. Should a student arrive after the commencement of a session and before the one half of it shall have expired, he shall pay all the College charges for the session, but at any time after that, one half of the same.

4. Where the Faculty are satisfied that a student of approved

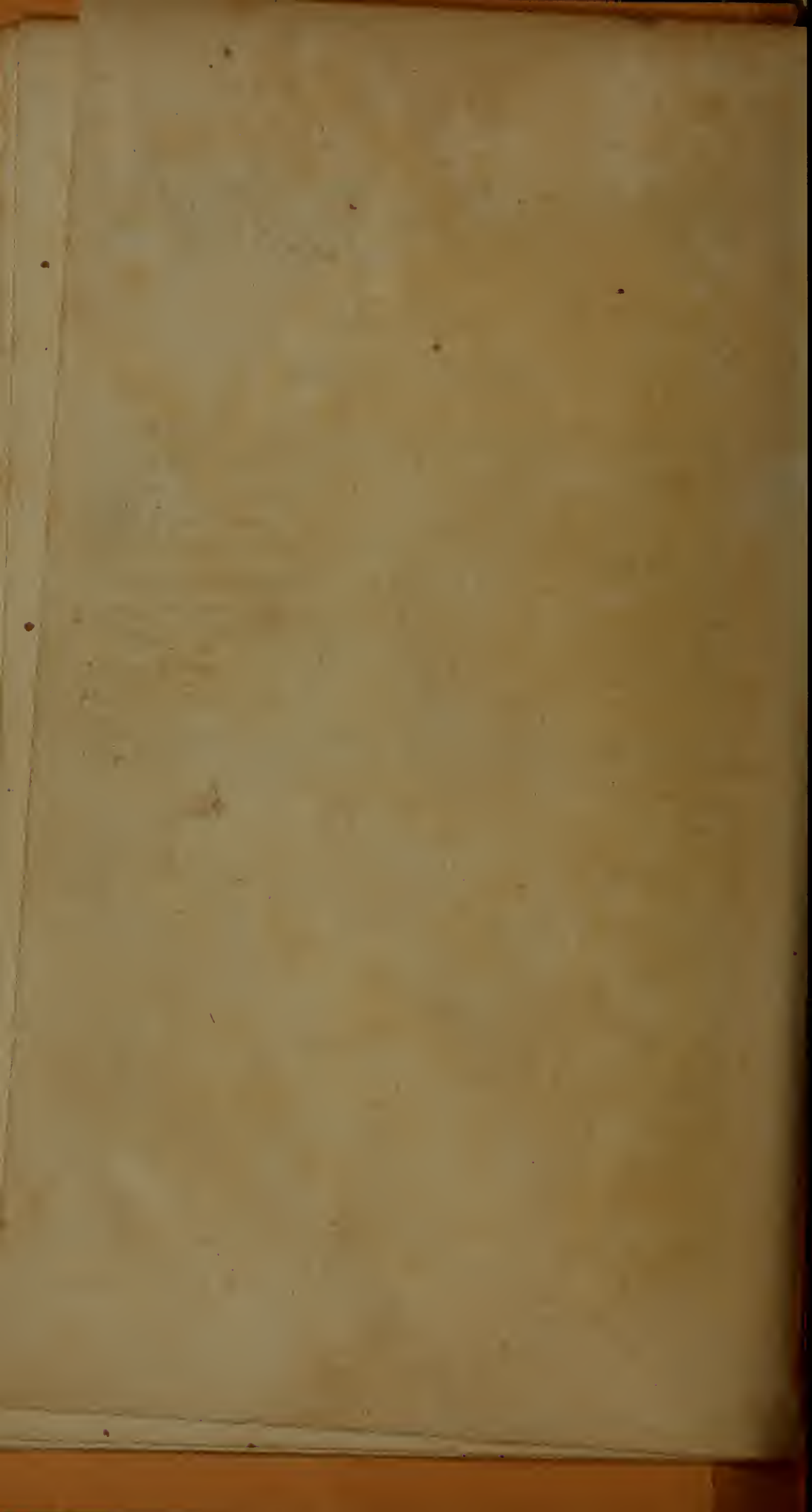
character is unable to pay the tuition money, they may take his note or bond for it, which shall not bear interest until two years after his leaving College, and shall never be put in suit.

CHAPTER X.

Of the Law Department.

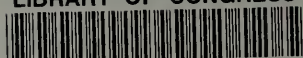
SECTION 1. The studies of the Law Department shall be under the exclusive control of the Professor of Law, and be subject to such rules as he may prescribe. Its members shall have access to the College library on the same terms with students of College. When they shall have satisfactorily finished their course of study they shall be entitled to the degree of Bachelor of Law, from the Trustees and Faculty of the College, by paying the sum of five dollars, which shall be appropriated to the Library. But no student of bad morals shall receive his degree and the Faculty of College shall have concurrent judgment in the case with the Professor of Law.

2. Students of College may, at a proper stage of their studies, attend lectures on appropriate branches of the Law.





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